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1 the state with opportunities for a sustainable energy future,
2 reduced air emissions and water demands, greatly reduced risk
3 of catastrophic fires in state forests and environmentally
4 sensitive economic development; and

5 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks twelfth in the nation in wind
6 energy potential and second in the nation in solar energy
7 potential, has geothermal resources available in twenty of its
8 thirty-three counties and has abundant biomass resources in its
9 forests; and

10 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory, Sandia national
11 laboratories and New Mexico's research universities are engaged
12 in substantive research, development and demonstrations of
13 renewable energy, energy efficiency and alternative fuel
14 technologies with significant application and commercialization
15 potential in New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, energy efficiency constitutes the least expensive
17 alternative to new energy production, and the Public Facility
18 Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act offers the state
19 the opportunity to dramatically reduce electric and gas utility
20 costs through energy efficient retrofits; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico's congressional delegation, the
22 senators of which serve on the United States senate committee
23 on energy and natural resources, has a unique opportunity to
24 promote innovative energy programs and policies in federal
25 energy legislation to benefit New Mexico and the nation;

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the executive branch of state
3 government be encouraged to pursue energy policies and goals to
4 implement the use of renewable energy, energy efficiency and
5 alternative fuel technologies throughout state government and
6 the state; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least ten percent of New
8 Mexico's electrical energy demands be generated from renewable
9 sources by the year 2010; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public regulation
11 commission be requested to promote and encourage consumers to
12 generate their own electricity from renewable sources and to
13 sell that power back to their utility companies through net
14 metering; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state government, including
16 state universities and public schools, be requested to take all
17 reasonable actions to "lead by example" with respect to
18 incorporating renewable energy, energy efficiency and
19 alternative fuel technologies and practices into all aspects of
20 its capital projects, procurement and operations, including
21 utilizing performance contracting pursuant to the Public
22 Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act to effect
23 energy efficiency conversions in state buildings; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of energy,
25 minerals and natural resources, in cooperation with other

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1 relevant state agencies, be requested to pursue all feasible
2 measures to encourage the use of alternative-fueled and gas-
3 electric hybrid vehicles throughout the state, including the
4 development of a statewide alternative fuel filling station
5 infrastructure; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of economic
7 development be directed to evaluate the feasibility of
8 establishing a "renewable energy economic development cluster"
9 to complement in-state renewable energy production and to
10 encourage the development of a renewable energy manufacturing
11 industry to foster job and wealth creation in New Mexico; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the governor, the New Mexico congressional
14 delegation, the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
15 resources, the secretary of economic development and the public
16 regulation commission.